

the counties of the State, as now provided by this Article for general elections; and the said primary elections shall be held and conducted and determined in the manner and form provided by this Article for general elections, and subject to all the regulations, requirements and provisions as prescribed by this Article for general elections in so far as the same are or may be applicable to said primary elections and except as may be herein provided. And the provisions of the general election law, governing election contests are hereby expressly declared to be applicable to such primary elections. Challengers and watchers representing the candidates in any said primary elections shall be allowed to be present at the several voting places during the voting and counting of the ballots, as provided in this Article with respect to general elections. As each voter's name shall be entered in the poll book kept by the two clerks of election, there shall be entered opposite his name the name of the party whose candidate or candidates he voted for. If in Baltimore City or in any county more names are marked for any office than there are persons to be voted for, such ballots shall not be counted for such candidate or delegates, or other persons to be voted for, as the case may be; but the whole ballot shall not for that reason be rejected for candidates for other offices or positions, if any.

Votes are not to be rejected because they are not marked with black lead pencil when they are marked with indelible pencil. *White v. Laird*, 127 Md. 123.

The words "shall be held and conducted and determined" refer to the primary election, and not to a contest of such an election after it is over. *Foxwell v. Beck*, 117 Md. 3 (decided prior to the act of 1912).

See sec. 80 and notes.

An. Code, sec. 186. 1910, ch. 741, sec. 160 I (p. 122). 1916, ch. 292, sec. 1.

**201.** Nominations for Mayor, comptroller, president of the Second Branch City Council and members of the City of Baltimore shall be made by direct vote of the respective political parties at primary elections to be held in all respects according to the foregoing provisions, applicable to primary elections in Baltimore City, except that the day for holding the same shall be the first Tuesday of April of the year in which the Municipal Elections in said City of Baltimore are to be held on a different day from the general election. At every general registration held in Baltimore City, and in each and every county of the State, subsequent to April 11, 1910, there shall be provided in the registration books a distinct column headed "party affiliations," and the board of registers shall enter in this column the name of the political party, if any, to which the voter is inclined and with which the voter desires to have himself recorded as affiliated. It shall be the duty of the board of registry to explain to each voter that the statement of such party affiliation does not bind him to vote for the candidate of such party of any given election; also that he has the right to decline to state any party affiliations; but that no one who is not recorded upon the registry as affiliated with a particular political party will be qualified to vote at subsequent primary elections of said political party. Whenever a voter declines to state his party affiliation, the word "declined" shall be written opposite his name under such column, so that there shall be written in such column opposite the name of every registered voter, either his party affiliations or